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William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Re: Gen. Docket No. 98-120
Gen. Docket No. 00-185

On February 4, 2002, Lisa Schoenthaler, NCTA Senior Director, Office of Rural/Small Systems and Association Affairs; Diane Burstein, NCTA Deputy General Counsel; and Rocco Commisso, Chairman & CEO, Mediacom Communications Corp., Joseph S. Gans III, President & CEO, Gans Multimedia Partnership, James Pearson, President & CEO, US Cable Corporation, Gary Shorman, President & CEO, Eagle Communications, Richard Sjoberg, President & CEO, Sjoberg's Inc., and Kelvin Westbrook, President & CEO, Millennium Digital Media, members of the Board of Directors of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, met with Ken Ferree, Bureau Chief, Cable Services Bureau; William Johnson, Deputy Bureau Chief, Cable Services Bureau; Sarah Whitesell, Associate Bureau Chief, Cable Services Bureau; Deborah Klein, Division Chief, Consumer Protection & Competition Division, Cable Services Bureau; Steve Broeckaert, Deputy Chief, Consumer Protection & Competition Division, Cable Services Bureau; Rick Chessen, Associate Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau; and Mary Beth Murphy, Chief, Policy & Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

During their meeting, consistent with NCTA's written comments in the above-captioned proceedings, they argued that the FCC had correctly concluded that the "primary video" signal should be limited to a single digital video stream. They also urged the FCC to refrain from imposing a dual must carry requirement. In addition, they discussed their rollout of broadband service to rural and small town locations, and urged the FCC to refrain from regulating those services.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Lisa A. Schoenthaler**

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Steve Broeckaert
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